श्री सभापति: वे सुन रहे हैं आप जवाब दीजिए ।

श्री साहिब सिंह वर्मा : अभी जो कानून है, आज के कानून में जो बात ये कह रहे हैं, वह बात हैं ।जो 1970 का कानून है उसमें कॉन्ट्रैक्ट लेबर की ऐबोलिशन और रेगूलेशन की बात है । अभी जो विचाराधीन प्रस्ताव है, उसमें यह है कि जो पैरेनियल ऐक्टीविटीज़ है लेकिन कोर नहीं है, जिसका मैंने अभी जिक्र किया है, उन ऐक्टीविटीज़ को कॉन्ट्रैक्ट लेबर में दिया जा सकता है, क्लीनिंग, स्वीपिंग, हॉर्टीकल्चर, सिक्योरिटी all such sorts fo activities, which are not core activities in an industry.

NHAI proposal to Karnataka

*489. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India has sent a proposal to the Karnataka Government for taking over outer ring roads connecting Hosur-Chennai and Bellary-Tumkur;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has evaluated the above proposal;

(c) whether NHAI had alsaproposed to levy toll tax on the inter-State transport vehicles;

(d) if so, the amount of toll tax proposed to be levied; and

(e) whether the State Government has given its approval to the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) National Highways Authority of India has been in consultation with various agencies/department of Government of Karnataka for exploring the possibility of linking the existing National Highways Nos. 4 and 7 (Pune-Bangalore and Hyderabad-Bangalore and Bangalore-Hosur).

(b) Decision of Government of Karnataka is awaited.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Sir. the hon. Minister has correctly answered the question couched in ambiguities. Sir, part (a) of the answer does not reflect the present status of the project. The National Highways Authority of India has already found the proposal not viable, as land acquisition along the National highways No. 4 and No. 7 has caused insurmountable problems. Sir, my question is whether, in fact, an alternative proposal from the Government of Karnataka to develop the peripheral road along the north-eastern part of Bangalore is already in the advanced stages of the scrutiny by the National Highways Authority of India?

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: Sir, t»-e point, that was discussed, was that we had requested the Bangalore Development Authority to give us the present outer ring road. A discussion was held on 5th December, in which they have given alternative proposal that we should take over the peripheral road. Letter was sent to them on 11th December asking to handover to us the outer road, as peripheral road was not suitable for us.

SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Sir, my second supplementary is, whether the National Highways Authority has worked out a preliminary cost summary of the project with an outlay of Rs. 397 cores. The next part is whether the National Highways Authority of India has found that the revised alternative proposal is feasible and, if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has been communicated to this effect?

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: Sir, part one of the question is, approximate estimation is around Rs. 400 crores. As regards part two of the reply, I have just said that the matter was referred to the Government of Karnataka on 11th December. We are still awaiting the reply.

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Sir, this, being a very important subject, pertaining to two national highways, have you sent any reminder to the Karnataka Government. You had written on 11th December, and they have not yet replied to you. Have you sent any reminder?

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: Sir, I am not aware as to whether any reminder has been sent. I will check it up. But, I think, the reminder has not been sent.

SHRJ S.R. BOMMAI: Will you check it up and send a reminder?

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: Now that the hon.Member has mentioned it, I will take it up and send them a reminder.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Sir, I congratulate the hon. Minister for taking keen interest in road formation and national highways. As you are aware, Sir, these are the two important roads. But, unfortunately, nothing has so far been done. When the Minister says that the Government is keen...

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your supplementary? Please straightaway put your supplementary.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: The Karnataka Government has taken steps to expedite this proposal. But, unfortunately, we have been given information that your Department is not taking any interest. Can you assure the House that you would personally take interest in this and look into the matter?

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI : We are very much taking interest. As I said in the beginning, the whole thing started with linking the existing National Highway Nos. 4 and 7. We wanted to take it over, maintain it and improve it. And the estimated cost is approximately Rs. 400 crores. So, it is not correct to say that we are not taking any interest. On the other hand, the Karnataka-povemment Bangalore Development authority does not was to nana over this road. I do not know why it is so.

PPDCs in North Bengal

*490. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the locations proposed to establish new Process-cum-Product Development Centres (PPDCs);

(b) the process technology that would be designed to support such centres;

(c) whether any new PPDCs are proposed to be established in the Northern part of West Bengal;